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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Cedarville University is one of 42 NCAA Division II member schools to earn the Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence.

It's the eighth consecutive year that the Yellow Jackets have received the prestigious honor!

The award recognizes institutions for achieving four-year Academic Success Rates (ASR) of 90 percent or higher. Cedarville finished tied for ninth out of 316 DII schools in the country with an ASR of 94 percent.

"It is a blessing to see our student-athletes recognized again this year for their academic achievement," stated Dr. Thomas Mach, Vice President for Academics. "They must balance competing demands for their time and that competition demands commitment and discipline.

"Cedarville's Academic Success Rate recognizes their commitment to excellence - a commitment grounded in their belief that all that they do should be done for the glory of God. I am grateful for the coaches and faculty who come alongside our student-athletes to mentor and encourage them in their pursuit of excellence."

The ASR is the percentage of student-athletes who graduate within six years of initial collegiate enrollment and consists of virtually all Division II student-athletes.

"Each year God brings tremendously gifted student-athletes to Cedarville University," proclaimed Athletic Director Dr. Alan Geist. "While we appreciate their hard work and success in competition, their achievement in the classroom is a crucial aspect of the balanced education Cedarville University provides.

"Thanks to our student-athletes and their coaches for their hard work as well as the faculty and staff of Cedarville University who support them so well."

Only two other Great Midwest Athletic Conference institutions achieved the Presidents' Award for Academic Excellence - Hillsdale College and Trevecca Nazarene University. There are ten schools from the Midwest Region on the elite list and the G-MAC owns the top three spots.

The Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) computes the percentage of student-athletes, who earned their degree in the seven-year window from the 2013-14 academic year through 2019-20. CU tied for 12th nationally in FGR at 81 percent.